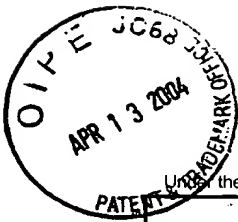


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<b>Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal</b>  Address to: MS RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	<b>Application Number</b>	09/970,351
	<b>Filing Date</b>	October 3, 2001
	<b>First Named Inventor</b>	Carey Ritchey
	<b>Art Unit</b>	2817
	<b>Examiner Name</b>	S. E. Jones
	<b>Attorney Docket No.</b>	49581/P030US/10104106

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**  
 Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

ii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) 04/15/2004 RHEBRAHT 00000003 09970351

ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:2801 385.00 OP

iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 385.00 enclosed

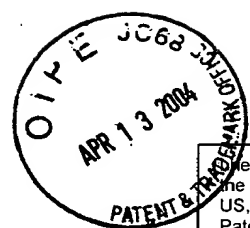
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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED			
<b>Name (Print/Type)</b>	Jerry L. Mahurin	<b>Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)</b>	34,661
<b>Signature</b>		<b>Date</b>	April 13, 2004

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Examiner: S. E. Jones

For: **BROADBAND PIN DIODE ATTENUATOR  
BIAS NETWORK**

**AMENDMENT ACOMPANYING A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

MS RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated January 13, 2004, finally rejecting claims 1-3, 6, 7, 22, 24 and 25, and in response to the Interview Summary mailed March 22, 2004. This Amendment is accompanied by a Request for Continued Examination and the necessary Fee(s). Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

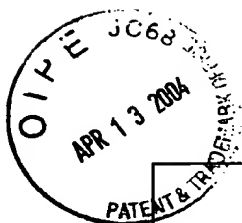
**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 13 of this paper.

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Applicant(s): Carey Ritchey et al.

Invention: BROADBAND PIN DIODE ATTENUATOR BIAS NETWORK

**TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS**

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED					
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Total Claims	52	- 48 =	4	x 9.00	36.00
Independent Claims	8	- 5 =	3	x 43.00	129.00
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Other fee (please specify): Request for Continued Examination					385.00
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:</b>					<b>550.00</b>

☐ Large Entity☒ Small Entity☐ No additional fee is required for this amendment.☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.  
A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.☒ A check in the amount of \$ 550.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. 06-2380  
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